36.16 करोड़ रुपए की अनुमानित लागत पर बाह परियोजना का संशोधित प्रस्ताव 3/84 में केन्द्रीय जल आयोग में प्राप्त हुआ था । इससे 19863 हेक्टेयर क्षेत्र की सालाना सिंचाई करने की परिकल्पना है । केन्द्रीय जल आयोग में जांच के बाद परियोजना को 29.92 करोड़ रुपए की अनुमानित लागत पर 4/88 में इस शर्त पर परामर्शदात्री समिति द्वारा स्वीकार्य पाया गया था कि राज्य सरकार द्वारा राज्य वित्त विभाग की सहमति तथा पर्यावरणीय/वन स्वीकृतियां प्राप्त कर ली जाएं । सलाहकार समिति की टिप्पणियों की अनुपालना न किये जाने के कारण परियोजना को 8/91 में राज्य को लौटा दिया गया ।

संशोधित सागर परियोजना का जल विज्ञान अध्याय मई, 1984 में केंद्रीय जल आयोग में प्राप्त हुआ था । जल विज्ञान अध्याय पर केंद्रीय जल आयोग की टिप्पणियों को ध्यान में रखते हुए राज्य सरकार द्वारा विस्तृत परियोजना रिपोर्ट प्रस्तुत की जानी है ।

(ग) परियोजना की स्वीकृति इस बात पर निर्भर करती है कि राज्य सरकार कितनी जल्दी केन्द्रीय मूल्यांकन अभिकरणों की टिप्पणियों की अनुपालना करती है और पर्यावरणीय/वन/पुनर्वास और पुर्नस्थापना स्वीकृतियां, यथास्थिति, प्राप्त करती है ।

Ground water level in Gujarat

6184. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) wheher it is a fact that ground water level is going down day-by-day in Gujarat State for irrigation purpose;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) wheher Government have formulated any plan to get water from other sources for irrigation purposes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) No, Sir. However fall in the level of ground water has been observed in certain parts of the State.

(b) As per the observations made by the Central Ground Water Board in January, 1994 fall of 2 to 4 metres and more than 4 metres in the level of ground water in relation to similar observations made in January, 1993 was observed in certain parts of the Districts of Kuchch, Jamnagar, Rajkot, Junagarh, Amreli, Bhavnagar and Banaskhantha.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. In order to tap the surface water resources, also for irrigation purposes the State Government is having 9 major, 25 medium and 12 extension/renovation/modernisation ongoing projects.

Over extraction of ground water

6185. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of a report prepared by a group of researchers of Delhi University which has been published in the State of the World, 1994 (the annual report of the World Watch Institute, Washington) regarding the alarming situation developing in Ludhiana District as a result of over extraction of ground water i.e. 30 per cent higher than replenishment;

(b) the strategies being worked out by Government to prevent any further calamity in water resource management and the details thereof in response to each main finding of the report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) The Government has not come across the report prepared by a group of researchers of Delhi University published in the State of World